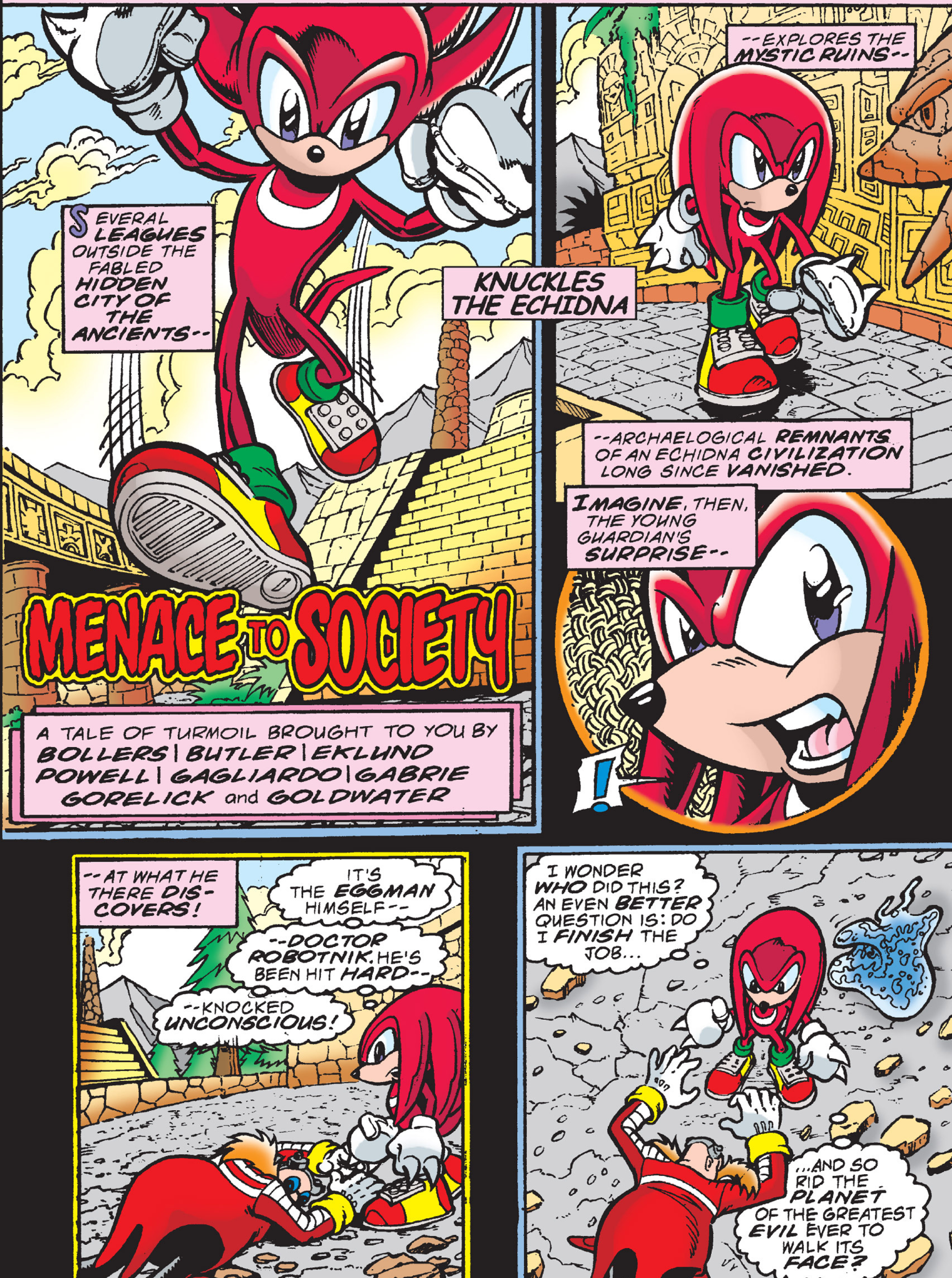




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MEANWHILE IN THE HIDDEN CITY...
...AT THE LUXURIOUS STATION SQUARE HOTEL...
SO THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT NOW THE REST OF YOU FREEDOM FIGHTERS COULD RELAX AND TOTALLY CHILL!
SORTA THE WAY ROBOTNIK'S WATER MONSTER DID AFTER ME AND KNUCKLES "MOPPED" UP THE FLOOR WITH IT![1]
HA! HA! GOOD ONE, SONIC!
THANKS, TAILS-- BUT NOW... I'VE GOTTA BREAK THE BAD NEWS.
I KINDA LOST YOUR BI-PLANE, BUD, AND I'M WAY SORRY...
NEVER FEAR, YOUTHFUL HEDGEHOG. WHEN I DESIGNED OUR FOXY FRIEND'S AIR-CRAFT, I HAD THE FORE-SIGHT TO INSTALL A TRACER.
THIS DEVICE WILL ENABLE YOU TO HOME IN ON ITS BEACON.
THANKS, NATE-- I'M ON IT LIKE CHILI ON HOT-DOGS!
COUNT ME IN!


SEVERAL HEART-BEATS LATER...
SONIC-- LOOK OVER THERE!
IT'S KNUCKLES-- IS HE--?
WAIT A SEC, TAILS! I'VE TRADED BODY BLOWS WITH KNUX ON MORE THAN A FEW OCCASIONS-- BELIEVE ME, HE'S ONE TOUGH CUSTOMER!
UNNH...
SEE? YOU OKAY, RAD RED?
I WAS STRUCK BY ...I CAN'T REMEMBER!
TA-TA! MISCREANTS! DON'T WORRY... I'LL SOON RETURN TO CRUSH YOU ALL!
THAT OUGHT TO JOG YOUR MEMORY-- IT WAS RO"BUTT"NIK!
AFTER 'IM!
NO, WAIT-- IT'S STARTING TO COME BACK TO ME. IT WASN'T THAT TIN-PLATED TYRANT WHO JUMPED ME. IT WAS...


--CHAOS!
ROBOTNIK'S WATER MONSTER? YOU MUST BE JOKING, KNUX--I THOUGHT WE'D SEEN THE LAST OF THAT LIQUEFIED LOSER![1]
NO SUCH LUCK! AND, EVEN WORSE...
...I'VE GOT A HUNCH THAT TAILS' MISSING BI-PLANE IS SOMEHOW CONNECTED TO ITS RETURN!
"THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!"
WELL, HERE WE ARE! NATE SAID THIS AREA IS CALLED "CAT COUNTRY!"
LOOKS LIKE HE WAS RIGHT! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, UH...?
BIG--MY NAME'S BIG THE CAT...
...AND THIS IS MY FRIEND, FROGGY! DID YOU SEE WHO BONKED ME, FROGGY?
OH NO! MY PLANE--IT'S DESTROYED! BUT--
RIBBIT

--HOW?
LOOK!
A TWISTER?!
EVEN WORSE --A WATER TWISTER! HANG ON TIGHT, DUDES...
...IT'S GONNA BE A WET ONE!
THAT'S NO NATURAL TORNADO!
DARN TOOTIN--THAT WAS CHAOS!
"NOW IT'S GOT THE BI-PLANE'S MEGA-POWER SOURCE --THE SUPER EMERALD!
"AND IT'S HEADED STRAIGHT FOR..."
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"...THE HIDDEN CITY OF THE ANCIENTS!"
IT'S GOOOOD EATIN
JIMBO'S CANNED MEATS
THANKS FOR THE TOUR OF YOUR POWER PLANT, MAYOR BULLYANY!
THE PLEASURE'S ALL MINE, PRINCESS SALLY! IT'S NOT EVERY DAY WE RECEIVE DELEGATES FROM OUT-SIDE OUR ARTIFICIAL ENVIRONMENT!
BUT WHAT ZEN EEZ MAKING ZIS PLACE ARTSY-FICIAL?
THAT, ANTOINE, IS DUE TO THE POWER OF THESE SIX SUPER EMERALDS KEPT BEHIND THIS DISPLAY CASE.
THESE BEAUTIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERY-THING HERE RANGING FROM DAY AND NIGHT TO SUN AND RAIN. AND WITH CHAOS DEFEATED...
THEY'RE SAFE AGAIN!
"THANK GOODNESS!"



ON THE CEILING ABOVE...
PLIP
SPLOOSH
THE DISPLAY CHAMBER-- IT'S FILLING UP WITH WATER!
THE SUPER EMERALDS--
--THEY'VE VANISHED!


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AND OUTSIDE THE POWER PLANT...
BUS
CLATTER CLATTER
--FROM ITS NARROWEST BACKSTREETS--
FWOOSH
--TO ITS WIDEST THOROUGHFARES--
KER-SPLASH

--BENEATH ITS BUSTLING AVENUES--
SPLOOSH
--ACROSS ITS TRAFFIC-FILLED HIGHWAYS--
KRAKT
SCREEEECH
FWOOSH
FWOOSH
--AND FROM ITS TOPMOST SKYSCRAPERS--
THOOM


--CHAOS
REIGNS SUPREME--
--THREATENING TO WASH AWAY THE HIDDEN CITY!

THE VISITING FREEDOM FIGHTERS IMMEDIATELY GO INTO "RESCUE MODE..."
...BUNNIE RABBOT...
...ANTOINE D'COOLETTE...
...AMY ROSE...
...AND EVEN THE ELDERLY NATE MORGAN...
...EACH RESPONDING TO THIS PERILOUS SITUATION WITH A BRAVERY NEVER BEFORE SEEN IN THE LAND.
BUT PRINCESS SALLY KNOWS THAT THEIR VALIANT EFFORTS MAY NOT BE ENOUGH!
SONIC--
WHAT ON MOBIUS IS THAT CREATURE? IT SEEMS UNSTOPPABLE!


"--WHERE ARE YOU?"
OKAY, FELLAS --ANY IDEAS ON HOW TO BEAT THIS MONSTER?
I'M OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS.
WAAAY OPEN.
HEY--WHERE'S THAT RUMBLING COMING FROM?
RUMMMBBBLL
LOOK! SOMETHING IS BREAKING THROUGH THE FAKE SKY!

SK-THOOM
IT'S DR. ROBOTNIK
HO! HO! HO! HO!

I'M BAAACK!
WHAT IS EGGMAN GOING TO DO ATOP HIS EGGSHIP DESTROYER! HE MUST'VE USED IT TO BURROW THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN THAT LEADS HERE!
WE SHOULD'VE KNOWN THAT WHEREVER CHAOS WENT, HE'D FOLLOW!
BUT AS ROBOTNIK RANTS & RAVES AT HIS FORMER PET, HE REALIZES JUST HOW "FORMER" THAT RELATIONSHIP IS--


--THE HARD WAY!
SHLLRP-THOOM
NOOOOOO!



PERFECT CHAOS T.K.O'D [2] THE EGGMAN-- WAY PAST COOL!
HUH?
WE MUST STILL CONTEND WITH THE CREATURE! OUR ENEMY'S ENEMY IS STILL NOT OUR ALLY! THE WATER BEAST IS OVERFLOWING WITH POWER!
STRANGE, SHIMMERING LIGHT--
--PLAYING ME AN IMAGE IN MY HEAD!
"IT'S CHAOS--IN ITS NATURAL FORM CENTURIES AGO!
"HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT CHAOS WAS ONCE A PEACEFUL SENTIENT [3] BEING...
"...UNTIL AN EARLY ECHIDNA SOCIETY BEGAN TO CUL-TIVATE [4] AND SETTLE WITHIN ITS JUNGLE HOME."

LIGHT-- SPIRALING AWAY FROM ME AND TRANSFORMING INTO--
--A GIRL?!
YES, MY NAME IS TICAL. I AM A DAUGHTER OF THE ECHIDNA TRIBE YOU SAW IN YOUR VISION.
PERFECT CHAOS MUST BE DEFEATED WITHOUT DESTROYING IT.
IT'S TREMENDOUS!
HOW DO WE MANAGE THAT?!
AND-- EVEN WORSE-- WET!
"THE POWER SIPHON⁵ THAT CONTROLS THE HIDDEN CITY'S ENVIRONMENT IS STILL CONNECTED TO CHAOS."


LOOK! HE'S ABSORBED THE EMERALD'S POWER!
HE MUST BE SEALED IN THE MASTER EMERALD!
"HOW WILL THAT HELP? IT WON'T CHANGE HOW HE FEELS INSIDE, WILL IT?
"HIS HEART WILL STILL REMAIN IN TURMOIL AND HIS ANGER JUST WON'T VANISH!
WHAT CHOICE DO WE HAVE?
"HE'LL JUST BE TRAPPED FOREVER!"
RAAARGH!
PERFORMING A FORGOTTEN ECHIDNA RITUAL NOT PRACTICED FOR CENTURIES UNTOLD--
--TICAL WEAKENS THE SAVAGE WATER CREATURE JUST ENOUGH--
--TO MYSTICALLY SUCK THE EMERALDS RIGHT OUT OF IT!
"CHAOS ONLY USED THE NEGATIVE POWER OF THE EMERALDS. SONIC, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO HARNESS THEIR REAL POWER!
"NEGATIVE FORCES AREN'T THE ONLY WAY TO EMPOWER THE EMERALDS!"


"OUR POSITIVE FEELINGS TOWARD EACH OTHER CAN MAKE THEM WORK.
"OUR HEARTS TOGETHER FORM AN AWESOME POWER."
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
YOU'D BETTER, TAILS--YOUR BUD'S BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO...SUPER SONIC!


STAY BACK, EVERYBODY--I'LL HANDLE THIS!
OKAY, UGLY! YOU WANTED A FIGHT--
--YOU'VE GOT ONE!
SPLISH
UNGH! THESE RAGING RIPTIDES INSIDE OF CHAOS ARE NO JOKE!
TIME FOR THE OL' HEDGEHOG TO WHIP UP A WHIRLPOOL--


"...AND PUT A TOTALLY NEW SPIN ON THE SITUATION!"
RURGLL?
KER-SPLOOSH
IT WORKED!
WHAT'D YOU JUST DO?
SUPER-SONIC-- YOUR SKILLS HAVE DEBILITATED 'CHAOS ENOUGH FOR US TO SAP ITS MIGHT.
UH... I DON'T THINK SO, TICAL! AS A MATTER OF FACT--


--I THINK I ONLY MADE CHAOS ANGRIER!
BE HERE IN 30 DAYS FOR THE SENSES-SHATTERING CONCLUSION!